

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS27972 / H0645

This is the FY 2021 original appropriation bill for the Wolf Depredation Control Board, which appropriates a total of \$392,000 from the General Fund.

Enabling legislation passed in 2014 found that additional financial resources are needed to continue the implementation of Idaho's Wolf management plan administered by the Department of Fish and Game. It established a five-member Wolf Depredation Control Board in the Governor's Office and created a set of new funds and subaccounts to be administered by the Department of Agriculture. The law established fees from the livestock industry, to be matched up to \$110,000 per year by sportsmen, to be transferred into the Wolf Control Fund. The responsibility of the Wolf Control Board is to allocate the money for control actions for wolves where there is a depredation conflict between wolves and wildlife or between wolves and livestock. The board has a cooperative services agreement and a work plan with both the Department of Fish and Game and Wildlife Services. Fish and Game authorizes control actions when wolves are causing conflicts with people, domestic animals, and significant measured deer and elk population declines. S1039 of 2019 removed the board's statutory sunset for the board, so this agency will be ongoing until the enabling legislation is adjusted.

### FISCAL NOTE

	FTP	Gen	Ded	Fed	Total
FY 2020 Original Appropriation	0.00	0	0	0	0
Noncognizable Funds and Transfers	0.00	0	829,200	0	829,200
FY 2020 Estimated Expenditures	0.00	0	829,200	0	829,200
Removal of Onetime Expenditures	0.00	0	(829,200)	0	(829,200)
FY 2021 Base	0.00	0	0	0	0
1. Wolf Control Program	0.00	400,000	0	0	400,000
2% General Fund Reduction	0.00	(8,000)	0	0	(8,000)
FY 2021 Total	0.00	392,000	0	0	392,000
Chg from FY 2020 Orig Approp	0.00	392,000	0	0	392,000
% Chg from FY 2020 Orig Approp.					

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